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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The listed documents are of record in priority applications: USSN 10/268,933, filed October 11, 2002; USSN 09/745,010, filed December 20, 2000; USSN 09/241,598, filed February 2, 1999; USSN 09/236,498, filed January 26, 1999; USSN 09/169,439, filed October 9, 1998; and USSN 09/018,217, filed February 3, 1998; upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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